Low literacy districts

1352. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of low literacy districts in various States, particularly in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the number of such districts covered under special literacy drive through Total Literacy Campaign, Post Literacy Programme and Project for Residual Literacy throughout the country during the last five years showing district-wise details in respect of Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) the details of various projects/programmes being run by National Literacy Mission throughout the country to increase literacy among the minority communities, SCs/STs, women and other backward sections of the society?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) 150 districts of the country, including 8 districts of Andhra Pradesh, have been identified as having the lowest literacy rates.

(b) In April 2005, 150 districts were identified for launching a special literacy drive. So far, 134 districts have already been covered under special literacy drive through Total Literacy Campaigns, Post Literacy Programme and Projects for Residual Illiteracy. Projects for Residual Illiteracy have been sanctioned in 10 districts of Andhra Pradesh to cover 22.81 lakh non-literates. The State Government has also implemented a basic literacy programme named "Akshara Bharathi" in the remaining 13 districts of the State. A Statement showing district-wise number of persons enrolled in both these programmes is enclosed (*See* below).

(c) Under the National Literacy Mission, various programmes/schemes are being implemented to improve the literacy rate of the country. The programmes cover all sections of the society. The focus of all the programmes is on SCs/STs, women and other backward sections of the society. Out of 600 districts in the country, 597 have since been covered under these programmes. At present, 106 districts are under Total Literacy Campaigns, 175 under Post Literacy Programme and 316 under Continuing Education Programme.

Statement

Enrolment figures under Literacy Programmes Andhra Pradesh

(a) Project for Residual Illiteracy (PRI)

Sl.No.	Name of the district	Enrolment
1.	Srikakulam	1,49,577
2.	Vizianagaram	1,51,349
3.	Kurnool	2,88,975
4.	Mahboobnagar	2,97,143
5.	Medak	2,44,936
6.	Nizamabad	2,12,657
7.	Adilabad	2,21,719
8.	Karimnagar	2,13,408
9.	Khammam	1,37,407
10.	Ananthapur	3,49,847
	TOTAL:	22,67,018

(b) Akshara Bharathi

Sl.No.	Name of the district	Enrolment
1.	Visakhapatnam	2,15,291
2.	East Godavari	1,66,942
3.	West Godavari	1,12,957
4.	Krishna	1,63,945
5.	Guntur	2,09,747
6.	Prakasam	2,52,735
7.	Nellore	1,83,638
8.	Chittoor	1,68,142
9.	Cuddapah	1,11,553
10.	Ranga Reddy	1,45,182
11.	Hyderabad	64,796
12.	Warangal	2,45,173
13.	Nalgonda	2,25,229
	TOTAL:	22,65,330